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SUBJECT: SUGAR GUIDANCE FOR USDEL TO APRIL ISA PREPCON

1. THE USG HAS NOT YET TAKEN A FIRM POSITION WITH RESPECT TO OUR PARTICIPATION IN A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT AND CANNOT DO SO UNTIL A NEW AGREEMENT IS DEVELOPED. SINCE A NEGOTIATION IS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THIS YEAR, AND WE MAINTAIN ONLY AN OBSERVER STATUS IN ISA PREPCON, THE US DELEGATE TO THE ISA APRIL PREPCON SHOULD KEEP HIS INTERVENTIONS TO THE MINIMUM WHILE PROTECTING OUR INTERESTS AND KEEPING OUR OPTIONS OPEN. OUR PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN HEARING AND REPORTING THE IDEAS OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING WHAT A POSSIBLE NEW ISA MAY CONTAIN, AND LEARNING WHEN NEGOTIATIONS MAY TAKE PLACE.

2. OUR INTERVENTIONS SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE DRAFT SUGAR AGREEMENT PRODUCED AT THE LAST ISA MEETING, AND BE LIMITED

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TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY OBSCURE OR

COMPLEX POINTS IN THE DOCUMENT. IN GENERAL, THE DELEGATE SHOULD RESPOND ONLY TO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS THAT AFFECT U.S. INTERESTS.

3. THE DELEGATE SHOULD DO NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OR INDICATE THAT THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT ANY SPECIFIC TYPE OF ISA AT THIS STAGE. WE WILL OF COURSE ENDEAVOR TO ASSURE THAT ANY ISA IS COMPATIBLE WITH OUR OVERALL DOMESTIC SUGAR POLICY. KISSINGER

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